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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised below.

The election made with traverse by Mr. Kroll in a telephone conversation dated June 22, 2005 is hereby affirmed, as required by the Examiner.

The specification was objected to on the grounds that the Abstract was informal. This has been corrected.

Claims 10-14 were objected to on a number of grounds. The informalities have been corrected except where a claim has been canceled.

Claims 10-14 were rejected as being indefinite. It is believed that the misdescriptive language has been corrected.

Claims 10-12 and 14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Nishiyama 4,928,412 in view of Campbell 4,570,454.

Claim 13 was rejected as being unpatentable over the above references and further in view of Zilberman 6,905,043.

Nishiyama discloses a decorative cup which is made up of two parts which is the cup itself and a sleeve. Sleeve 10 has a bottom and supports the handle. In the present invention, the sleeve does not have a bottom and the handles on the receptacle pass through the sleeve. These features do not appear to be suggested or taught in the art of record.

Campbell also has a drinking cup and was cited for "apertures". It is not clear to which apertures the Examiner is referring. It is also not clear how two references, drawn to cups, can be combined to obtain a trash receptacle.

Zilberman shows a receptacle and was cited for the use of a gasket. It is not clear where this gasket would go in Nishiyama.

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Claim 10 has been amended to recite the distinguishing features described above. Fig. 8 shows that the sleeve ends above the bottom of the receptacle. Also, the claim now recites the receptacle as a member of the combination being claimed, the position taken by the Examiner.

Claims 11-12 and 14 have been canceled, and replaced by a new claim 15.

Claim 15 is drawn to a trash receptacle system which includes all of the novel features of the present invention as discussed above and not shown or suggested in the art of record.

The Examiner has authority to cancel withdrawn claims in the event the application is ready for allowance.

It is believed that the claims in their present form are drawn to patentable subject matter and should be allowed

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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